

P.R.M.O. No. 7, Highland Region



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U R B A N D I S T R I C T C O U N C I L.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

L.WILSON EVANS, M.C., M.B., D.P.H.

for the year

1940



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The Wem Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

As for last year the Ministry of Health has decided that the Report for 1940 should be confined to essential and urgent matters which have affected the public health during the year.

Your obedient servant,

L.WILSON EVANS.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Name.	Qualifications.	Office Held.	Whole or Part time.
L.Wilson Evans	M.B.,B.S.,L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.,D.P.H.	Medical Officer of Health.	Part
F.Morcom	M.I.S.E.,C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.	Sanitary Inspector & Surveyor.	Whole.

WEM URBAN DISTRICT.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1940

Population2366

	M.	F.	Total.
Live Births Legitimate	17	19	36
Illegitimate	1	0	1
	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>37</u>

Birth Rate.....15.6

England and Wales.....14.6

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age.....Nil

Per 1000 births England and Wales..... 55

Still Births..... M.O F.l. Total l.

	M.	F.	Total
Deaths.	23	19	42

Death Rate Uncorrected17.7

Corrected14.2

England & Wales...14.3

Deaths from Cancer: Male 6 Female 2 Total 8

Deaths from MeaslesNil

Deaths from Whooping Cough.....Nil

Deaths from Diarrhoea under 2 years.....Nil

Maternal Deaths..... 1

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

There was very little Infectious Disease except for an outbreak of Measles, which fortunately was of a mild form, and no deaths were reported.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

Scarlet Fever	2
Diphtheria	0
Measles	56
Whooping Cough	3
Pneumonia	3
Cerebro-spinal Fever	1
Erysipelas	2

Diphtheria Immunisation.

Progress in the treatment of children against Diphtheria was maintained.

The number who had treatment was:-

Children over 5 years	17
Children under 5 years	22
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The material used was Alum Precipitated Toxoid two doses of .2cc and .5cc at an interval of four weeks.

Tuberculosis.

Only one case of Non-pulmonary Tuberculosis was notified during the year.

Two cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were transferred from other districts.

There were no deaths.

The Sanitary Inspector reports that no new works were carried out.

The Sanitary Service was able to cope with the increased population.

During the year the Ministry of Health drew attention to the

increased risk of food contamination due to war conditions and special attention has been given to cowsheds and food preparing places, the

cleanliness in the handling of such foods being of great importance in the spread of diseases such as enteric fevers, dysentery and food poisoning.

